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FCC ANNOUNCES ROUNDTABLE EVENT TO DISCUSS CLOSED CAPTIONING OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMMING

Washington D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced it will hold a forum on November 10, 2015, to promote discussion about closed captioning of public access and governmental programming shown on television. The event will include discussions about the benefits of captioning such programming, the relevant captioning obligations of programmers and stations, and effective and efficient captioning solutions. The event will engage local government professionals, policy makers, captioning vendors, consumer groups, engineers, representatives from the programming industry, and others as appropriate. The goal of this event is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding captioning of public access and governmental programming.

What: Tools For Expanding Closed Captioning of Public Access Programming

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 **Time**: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Location: FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

Additional information about the event will be made available on the FCC's Events webpage at https://www.fcc.gov/events/roundtable-discussion-closed-captioning-public-access-and-governmental-programming and distributed to subscribers of the Disability Rights Office's "AccessInfo," a service that provides regular e-mail updates on disability-related rulemakings, notices and events. To subscribe to AccessInfo, send an email to accessinfo@fcc.gov, and write "subscribe" in either the subject header or body of the e-mail.

The event will be free and open to the public. Live, captioned video of this event will be available at www.fcc.gov/live. The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Contact fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) at 202-418-0530 (voice), or 202-418-0432 (TTY) for reasonable accommodation requests or to request this press release or any other materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format).

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